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...IMPORTANT WINTER STORM SAFETY...

A MAJOR WINTER STORM WILL IMPACT SOUTHEAST SOUTH CAROLINA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA WITH FREEZING RAIN...SNOW AND SLEET. TUESDAY INTO WEDNESDAY. NOW IS THE TIME TO COMPLETE PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE STORM ARRIVES AND DISRUPTS TRAVEL AND POWER. YOUR PREPARATION WILL HELP YOU MITIGATE THE DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY THE STORM AND COULD HELP YOU TO SURVIVE.

IF POSSIBLE...YOU SHOULD AVOID TRAVEL WHILE FREEZING AND FROZEN PRECIPITATION IS FALLING TUESDAY INTO WEDNESDAY. ROADS COULD BECOME DANGEROUS AND EVEN IMPASSABLE. AREA BRIDGES MAY BE SHUT DOWN. IF YOU MUST DRIVE...ASSEMBLE AND CARRY AN AUTOMOBILE SURVIVAL KIT WITH SUCH ITEMS AS EXTRA WARM CLOTHES...A THICK BLANKET...A FLASHLIGHT...BATTERY POWERED RADIO...EXTRA BATTERIES...WATER...MEDICATIONS AND A FIRST AID KIT...SAND OR ROAD SALT...A SHOVEL AND A TOW CHAIN OR ROPE. IF POSSIBLE...CARRY A CHARGED CELL PHONE.

IF YOU MUST VENTURE OUTSIDE ON FOOT DURING THE STORM...DRESS WARMLY AND USE CAUTION AS PAVED WALKING SURFACES SUCH AS SIDEWALKS AND PARKING LOTS WILL BE SNOW/ICE COVERED AND SLICK.

YOUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS TO SEEK OR REMAIN IN A HEATED...WELL-CONSTRUCTED BUILDING SUCH AS YOUR HOME OR A STORM SHELTER OPERATED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. AT HOME...PREPARE FOR A PERIOD OF POWER OUTAGES AND RESTRICTED TRAVEL. YOU SHOULD STOCK UP ON SUCH ITEMS AS WATER...NON-PERISHABLE FOOD...FLASHLIGHTS...BATTERIES...A BATTERY OPERATED RADIO...PET FOOD AND NECESSARY MEDICATIONS. BE SURE CELL PHONES ARE CHARGED BEFORE THE ONSET OF WINTER PRECIPITATION.

DURING THE STORM...AUTHORITIES MAY OPEN HEATED SHELTERS. IF NECESSARY...PREPARE TO RELOCATE TO A NEARBY WARM SHELTER BEFORE THE WINTER STORM AND COLD AIR ARRIVE.

YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS...INCLUDING AUTOMOBILE AND HOME SURVIVAL KITS...AT WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/WINTER/INDEX.SHTML...WWW.FEMA.GOV AND WWW.REDCROSS.ORG.

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